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HOME RUNS!
FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010
featuring teams from

- T-Ball
- Division I and II Softball
- Division I, II Baseball
- American Legion
- 12 and Under Boys Traveling Team
- 14 and Under Boys Traveling Team
- K-18 Traveling Team
- Girls Norton Thunder Traveling Team

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Catch the Play Ball special in today's paper

Briefly

Bus applications need to be returned

Parents of children who reside in Norcatgur but who will be attending Norton Community Schools in the 2010/11 school year need to send their out of district busing applications to the Oberlin School district office.

Applications can be picked up at either the Oberlin or Norton school district offices, but they must be filed in Oberlin. All students are required to renew applications on an annual basis.

Current statutes allow Norton buses to enter Norcatgur to pick up students, providing the student's application has been filed with the Oberlin School District.

MARKETS
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WHEAT	\$3.48
MILO	\$2.73
SOYBEANS	\$8.93
CORN	\$3.07

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Local Weather

Sat 6/26	99/67	
Partly cloudy. Hot. High 99F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.		
Sun 6/27	89/62	
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.		
Mon 6/28	91/62	
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.		
Tue 6/29	87/63	
Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.		
Wed 6/30	86/63	
Scattered thunderstorms possible.		

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Prayer

Dear God, may all that we do today please you. Amen.



David Kindall checked his wheat for damage from recent storms yesterday. He reported his wheat still looked good. Heavy rains have delayed harvest, but the first load came in from the southern part of the county yesterday. — Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Wheat harvest delayed by rain

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The above-average rainfall has slowed harvest, although the first load of wheat came into the Ag Valley Co-op Elevator late yesterday afternoon.

Ag Valley Co-op staff reported the first load was cut near Edmond and came in with a 13.5 moisture rating. The yield was 61.9.

Rick Mullen, Ag Valley Co-op location manager, said there have been some complaints about rust damage, but hail from recent storms has not been an issue.

"There has been some complaint about rust damage. I'm not hearing much else," he said.

Mullen said harvest, which he originally estimated to be between June 20-30, has been delayed.

"The biggest concern is going to be getting into the field," he said.

David Kindall farms south of Norton. He said the spring has been cooler and wetter than previous years. He expects to be cutting soon.

"Maybe next week. It's later than normal," he said. Keith VanSki, Norton County Extension agent,

said wheat should have been treated for rust before it begins to flower.

VanSki said some areas already have leaf rust. "It's not uncommon. It can happen. The farmers need to pay attention to that," he said.

He said farmers should treat their crops before the wheat starts to flower. Rust treatment is for prevention of rust, he said.

"If you apply later than that (flowering), there isn't much time to protect against infection," he said.

Options discussed for a clothing store

By ERICA BRADLEY
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A community-owned clothing store will not go forward due to the difficulty of finding board members and the \$150,000 in capital needed to start a store.

Economic Development hosted a follow-up meeting for people interested in investing in a clothing store last week to discuss the remaining options.

"It was agreed that there is not enough interest in the community to form a community-owned clothing store. It would be difficult to find the board members and \$150,000 in capital necessary to start the store," she said.

Other options for a clothing store, Stiles said, include helping an existing business expand, a new business or

an entrepreneur getting started.

Joslyn Henson, owner of E11even, attended the meeting to share her experiences. In an interview after the meeting, she said she started slow and has built her product lines by re-investing what she has made.

"It's a lot of work, I built it slowly. It's gone really well," she said.

She said she is supportive of having a second clothing store in Norton but thinks an investor-model would take away any competition between the two businesses.

"There's a lot of things the community needs, but I don't carry," she said.

E11even is a spa and boutique, carrying clothing lines as well as accessories, shoes, body lines and baby items. Services available include facials, waxes and

hair styling.

Henson is not sure if she will expand downtown but said it is an option she is looking at.

"I do really well here. I'm looking into different possibilities," she said.

Stiles said options for a downtown clothing store include: the business incubator, revolving loan funds or creating an investor-owned model for a private business.

"At this point, it is up to E11even or other businesses to take the next step," she said.

Anyone interested in expanding or starting a business can contact Stiles at 874-4816.



A new exhibit at the Norton County Museum is a 1906 Courthouse quilt. The original courthouse was consumed by fire. The names of town ladies are embroidered in the squares of the quilt. The museum is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Museum is a hidden treasure in Norton

By HARRIETT GILL
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Norton has a hidden treasure that lives in plain sight. The Norton County Museum located at State St. and Lincoln is full of the history of Norton County.

There are displays of mammoth bones, teeth and tusks; a 1906 Courthouse quilt that has names of town ladies embroidered on the squares; old school photos; sports trophies and much much more.

Joe Ballinger, treasurer of the Norton County Historical Society and trustee at the museum, was excited over a photo of a family that includes Melvin Moffet that was taken when Melvin was approximately 10 years old. "I based my judgment on the fact that Melvin and my dad were about the same age and the clothes the family is wearing, I would date this picture in the early 1900's."

said Ballinger.

"It is like being a detective, you know when the courthouse burned and when you have a town picture that shows the old courthouse you have one piece of the puzzle solved," Ballinger said.

The Pollyanna Club members, Barb McKie and Leota Goss, were learning the various displays. The club has volunteered to work the museum on Wednesdays.

"We will just check with Joe for answers to our questions; he knows all about the museum," said Barb McKie.

Norton County Historical Society is dependent on memberships, sponsors, donations and volunteers to keep the museum operating. Museum hours are Wednesday and Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free to the public.